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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: MB Docket 05-0311

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Dear Chairman Pai:

This letter is regarding the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) September 25<sup>th</sup> Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05-0311 (Proposed Rule Making).

I write in support of the comments of Massachusetts Community Media, Inc. (MassAccess) and the Cable Act Preservation Alliance (CAPA). Like MassAccess and CAPA, I disapprove of the proposals and tentative conclusions set force in the Proposed Rule Making. For the past ten years, Stoughton Media Access Corporation has served as a crucial source of information for my constituents.

These proposed regulations could negatively impact that in the coming years by jeopardizing critical funding for public, educational, and governmental (PEG) stations. By defining "franchise fee" in an overly broad fashion to include "in-kind" support, the FCC's proposals will shift the fair balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators and will force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, something that was never the intent of the 1984 Cable Act.

While the Commission considers this docket, I encourage you to avoid actions that could threaten the sustainability of PEG stations including Stoughton Media Access Corporation.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Lynch

Member of Congress